



HEARTWOOD

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Quality Montessori education in the heart of Cary for ages 18 months to 18 years

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 30-May 3: Portraits

Check your email for class schedules and more information.

May 2: PEP Workout

6:00-7:00pm: [FREE workout](#) for all skill levels and physical abilities. [RSVP here.](#)

May 4: Spring Fling (3-5pm)

Rain date: May 5

In the Darden House...

ALL DAY	Members of the Kickin' Grass Band perform original and traditional bluegrass during the Fling
3:30 PM	Concert with Ms. Dana's violin students
4:45 PM	Teacher Raffle drawings

May 14: Teacher Luncheon

Hosted by K-EL and the Toddler House. Thank you so much to the volunteers!

May 24: HALF DAY

Toddlers and Children's House release at 11:30am, followed by the rest of the school at 11:45am. (Older siblings release with their younger sibs). All students should be picked up by noon.

May 27: NO SCHOOL

Happy Memorial Day!

May 28 & 30: Graduation Days

May 28, 1:00pm: Extended Day Class
 May 30, 6:30pm: High School Seniors
Congratulations to our graduates!

May 31: Talent Show - HALF DAY

Join us for a Talent Show at 10:30am, followed by NOON dismissal.

May the ~~Fourth~~ Fling be with You!

Heartwood's annual [Spring Fling](#) carnival is coming up **Saturday, May 4, from 3:00-5:00 pm**. Join us for games, food, music, and the teacher raffle!

Win fabulous prizes by testing your luck and skill with Football Toss, Monster Cornhole, Plinko and the Duck Pond; try out a new look with caricatures, face-painting, temp tattoos, and more.

Fuel up with Ms. Isabel's famous Ecuadorian beans and rice; satisfy your sweet tooth with a treat from the UE bake sale or ice cream from the Toddler House; and grab snacks like watermelon, popcorn, and frozen lemonade from the Children's House.



Enjoy a performance by Ms. Dana's violin students as well as original and traditional bluegrass by members of the Kickin' Grass Band, including our own Ms. Lynda (see schedule at left).

Tickets are on sale now and at the Fling: activity and food tickets are \$0.50 each; raffle tickets are \$1.00. Raffle bags are on display in the lobby -- stop by and check them out!

Teacher Raffle Rules: Unlimited entries, but only one winning ticket per person. Drawing takes place at 4:45pm on 5/4/19; need not be present to win.

Teacher Raffle

Misty & Kristal: Pizza in the park (2 winners) and Kindness Wreath (1 winner)

Liz & Jody: Walk to downtown Cary for ice cream for winner + friend (2 winners)

Becki & Lynda: Ice cream and music after school for winner + friend (2 winners)

Tanya & Tracy: Walk to downtown Cary for ice cream for winner + friend (2 winners)

Pierce: Three 30-minute guitar or ukelele lessons for winner + friend

Kathryn: Visit to the farm for winner and family + one friend

Lindsey: Sewing lesson for winner + two friends

Ryan: Chess lesson for winner + two friends

Jay: Trip to the art museum for winner + three friends

Bridget & Rebecca B.: Lunch at Primo's for winner + friend (2 winners)

Mary & Tammy: Bowling and dinner at Red Robin for winner + friend (2 winners)

Rebecca P.: Baking a cake (or other dessert) for winner + friend

Missy & Ray: Lunch for winner + friend (2 winners)

Isabel: Lunch at Isabel's house for winner + two friends

Beth: Trip to Bond Park for winner + friend

Vanessa: Art time for winner + two friends

Ginny: Walk to Blue Moon Bakery for winner + friend

Mary: Killer Chocolate Cake

Sue: Lunch at restaurant of your choice for winner + friend

BULLETIN BOARD

Hoodie & Tee Sign-up Ends May 5

Our [print run](#) for white T-shirts and adult hoodies ends on **Sunday, May 5**. Delivery will take place in mid-May, before the classes dye. We also have some dye-able shirts available at a discount in our lobby stash; stop by to browse options.



View available hoodie colors on the [order form](#). T-shirts only available in white.

May Flowers Bring...Traditions

Tie-Dye

It's a tradition as old as Heartwood itself. As the Spring semester wraps up, each class chooses their own colors and [tie-dyes t-shirts](#) to wear on the last day of school. In the older classes, students [sign](#) each other's shirts -- a lasting souvenir of another great year.

Teachers work with Ms. Vanessa during their Art special or ask for volunteers to help their students with the dyeing process. (Remember to send your child in clothes that can get inky!)

Look for more info this month from your teacher or room parent. You can use any t-shirt, so long as it's 100% cotton, pre-washed, and labeled with the child's name in permanent marker. If, however, you'd like to dye a HW shirt, you can order one [here](#).



Talent

During the last week of May, our halls will literally vibrate with excitement. There will be yearbooks to sign, final projects to present, graduations to celebrate (see p.3), songs to practice, and at the end of it all -- a talent show.

The sign-up sheet on the kitchen door will bristle with eager volunteers. Among the more traditional acts -- piano, dance, singing -- you'll find such diverse offerings as competitive jump rope, martial arts, or even "Naming All The Countries."

Students perform alone or in groups, with or without adult assistance. What they all have in common is the security of knowing they play to an enthusiastic audience of friends and teachers. It's the kind of support that enables our young people to try new things, knowing that the cheers will be loud even if stage fright causes all the words to vanish from their heads.



'Til Next Year!

We invite all Heartwood families to join us for the End of Year Talent Show. The fun begins at 10:30am; come early to snag a parking spot.

Overflow parking is available at 509 and 511 Kildaire (Ms. Isabel's and Ms. Rebecca's houses), as well as public lots in downtown Cary. Try the Cary library

lot on Academy Street, or the lot behind the Methodist Church, accessed via S. Walker Street.

Classes release directly from the assembly, by or before noon. **Please remember to check out with your child's teacher before you leave**, and have an amazing summer!

tell me,
what is it you
plan to do
with your
one wild
and
precious life?

~ Mary Oliver

LEARN MORE

[2018-2019 School Calendar](#)

Also available as a PDF on our website

[Our Montessori Philosophy](#)

Or why we do what we do!

FIND US ONLINE

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Our official school website

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The unofficial community group for Heartwood families



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Congratulations to our Graduates!

At the end of this month, two sets of Heartwood families will gather to honor milestones in their children's lives.

The Extended Day class will celebrate their transition from Children's House to Elementary on May 28 at 1:00pm with a ceremony and refreshments.

On May 30, Heartwood's first class of graduating seniors will accept their diplomas in an evening ceremony and reception held at the Matthews House in downtown Cary.

Kevin Meier ('19) came to Heartwood in 6th grade as a student in Mr. Ray's class. "Having Mr. Ray for a teacher has been fun and interesting," Kevin says. "As the wise Spongebob once said, 'I'm ready!' and I'm ready for college because of Heartwood."

After graduation, Kevin plans to attend college at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Arizona, where he will pursue a degree in Cybersecurity and finish his pilot's license training.

Elisabeth Sinicrope ('19) has been a Heartwood student for five years. She plans to take a gap year before diving into college.

"[These] have been some really great years," Elisabeth says. "I leave feeling smarter, ready for what comes next, and ready to sleep in. Ms. Missy and Mr. Ray have been the best teachers I could have hoped for!"

The graduates leave behind tight-knit bonds of friendship among the rest of the High School class.



Kevin Meier



Elisabeth Sinicrope

"I'm going to miss our graduating seniors, [who are] some of my best friends," says Lainey Prohaska ('20). "I know they will go on to do great things."

Congratulations to all our graduates as they move into a new phase of their lives. We've loved watching you grow, and we can't wait to see what you'll do next. Just don't forget to come visit!



Ms. Kathryn & Ms. Tanya's Extended Day class, pictured here with Ms. Isabel